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KVP Unit in Prenzlau

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REMARKS

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1. Ration strength of elements of the Prenzlau KVP unit on 29 May 1953 were as follows:

Officers NCOs and Personnel

Division headquarters	60	118
Soviet advisors	70	10 drivers
Kommandoschule	12	176
Commandants company	8	55
Chemical platoon	1	23
Motor maintenance	8	66
Motor repair	7	64
Hospital	-	98
Guard detail	3	50
Detention room	-	27
Medical point	-	20
Medical course	-	8
New arrivals	-	10
Instruction course (shoe makers and tailors of the entire division)	-	53

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Muenster headquarters (2d Inf Regt)	53	172
SP	7	25
S 1	7	82
S 2	7	52
S 3	7	96
S 4	7	57
S 6	6	37
1st Bn of the 2d Inf Regt	48	563
2d Bn of the 2d Inf Regt	51	566
3d Bn of the 2d Inf Regt	54	639
Bakery company	6	200
D 1 (signal battalion)	67	275

The 1st Inf Regt stationed in Pinnow had a total strength of 3,500 officers, NCOs and personnel on 29 May 1953. Elements of the division stationed in Droegeheide included:

Officers, NCOs and Personnel

3d Inf Regt	2659
Artillery regiment	1359
Tank regiment	960
S 5	402
S 4	241
Soviet advisors	300 officers and drivers

The total strength of the KVP units stationed at the Droegeheide summer camp was estimated at 30,000 men during the period of observation.¹

- During the period of observation, demonstrations at battalion level involving all available infantry and heavy weapons were continuously conducted in the Jaegerbrueck training area, about 8 km north of Droegeheide.
- In July and August 1953, large field exercises of the VP unit in Prenzlau was scheduled to be held in the Prenzlau-Pinnow and Droegeheide summer camp area. They were to be followed by exercises of the VP units of Heeresgruppe Nord.
- From 1 to 5 June 1953, VP Unit Prenzlau received 20 new 5-ton trucks which were distributed to various units. Large ammunition shipments continuously arrived in Prenzlau during this period.

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- 25X1 5. [] engineer units totaling about 1,000 engineers were stationed in Fuenfeichen near Neubrandenburg.²
- 25X1 1. [] Comment. [] the ratio strength of the Frenzlau Division, last on 5 May 1953, when the ratio strength was about 16,000 men. []
- 25X1 a ratio strength of approximately 13,500 men. The difference of about 2,500 results from the varying ratio strength of the troops of the Frenzlau Division quartered at Droegeheide camp. This strength had been about 8,500 on 5 May, and about 6,000 on 29 May. Efforts were initiated to determine what changes caused this difference. The estimate of 30,000 soldiers quartered at Droegeheide camp is believed exaggerated.
- 25X1 2. [] Comment. The strength of the engineer units stationed at Fuenfeichen was reported by various sources as fluctuating between 600 and 1,200
- 25X1 soldiers. []

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